

NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO OBTAIN CUSTODY

In accordance with Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 79.100, the vessel of unknown name and unknown registration, has been declared derelict/abandoned because it meets the definition of a derelict/abandoned vessel as described in RCW 79.100.010. This boat is an unnamed commercial vessel approximately 35 feet long with a blue fiberglass hull. The vessel is tied to a private dock along the east shore of Puget Sound approximately one (1) mile north of the Town of Steilacoom. PIERCE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES, acting as an authorized public entity with the authority granted in RCW 79.100, intends to take custody of the above named vessel on July 31, 2009. Once we obtain custody of the vessel, we are authorized to use or dispose of it in any appropriate and environmentally sound manner without further notice to the owner. In order for the owner to retain custody vessel, the owner must obtain authorization to moor or anchor the vessel in its current location, move it to an anchorage area or moorage facility that has authorized the vessel, or remove the vessel from the water. If the owner wishes to redeem the vessel once PIERCE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES has taken custody, per RCW 53.08.320 (5) the owner must commence a lawsuit to contest PIERCE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES decision to obtain custody of the vessel, or the amount of reimbursement owed, in the Superior Court of the County in which the vessel was located. The lawsuit must be commenced within twenty (20) days of losing custody or the owner's right to a hearing is waived and the owner will be liable for any costs owed to PIERCE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES. The costs the owner may be liable for include, but are not limited to, costs incurred exercising the authority granted in RCW 79.100.030, all administrative costs incurred by PIERCE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES during the procedure set forth in RCW 79.100.040, removal and disposal costs, and costs associated with environmental damages directly or indirectly caused by the vessel. For more information regarding this action, contact: Dana Miller, Civil Engineer, Pierce County Public Works and Utilities, 9850 64th Street West, University Place, WA 98467, (253) 798-4050